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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 10, 2008**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Ronald L. Griffin

Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner  
Sgt. Samuel Quick  
PO Gilbert Munoz  
PO Richard Townsel

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Ralph Godbee  
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
DC Jamie Fields  
DC William Hudson  
DC Daniel O'Neill  
DC Leo Powers  
DC Marshall Fields  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC John Clark  
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo  
Cmdr. John Serda  
Cmdr. Steven Dolunt  
Cmdr. Paul Wells  
Cmdr. Debra Fair  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn  
Cmdr. Joseph White  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. Janice Butler  
Cmdr. Todd Bettison  
Sgt. Rodney Cox  
Sgt. Kevin Miller  
PO Chris Gibson  
PO Sophia Nelms

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Edward Moore	Kaila Elsasser
Ron Scott	Cynthia Coleman
Malesa Owens McGhee	Edith Lee-Payne
Larry Kozyra	Evelyn Wilson
Jewel Ware, Wayne County Commissioner	Marcella Richardson
Tom Mathis	Bernice Bowen
Zelma Boyd	Yolanda McCants
Fredrick McCants	Londell Thomas
Terry Hodges	Mary Lacy

**RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

He read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for April 10, 2008, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

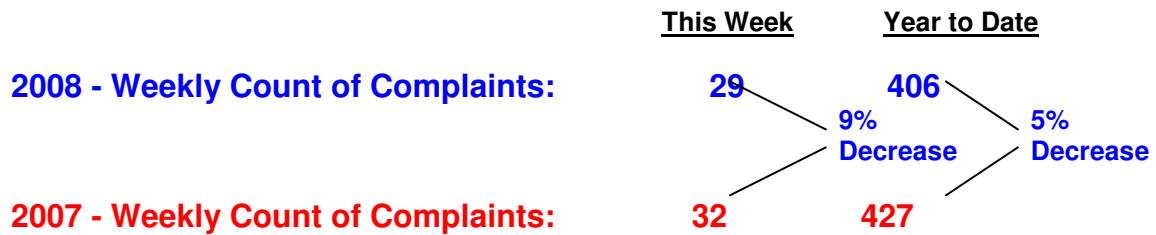
The Minutes for March 27, 2008, and April 3, 2008, were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

#### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

##### 1. CHAIRPERSON

##### 2. SECRETARY REPORT

#### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,420 active investigations, of which 384 of those are for 2008.

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 04/09/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL						1				1
1	COMMUNICATIONS		1							1	2
2	EASTERN		1				1		1		3
1	GAMING		1							1	2
1	NORTHEASTERN		1				1				2
6	NORTHWESTERN	2	1	1		1	5				10
3	SOUTHWESTERN		2	1			2				5
6	Unknown Command	1	3				5		1		10
2	VIOLENT CRIMES		1	1	1		1				4
6	WESTERN		3		2		4			1	10
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## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# Detroit Police Department

## Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



**Special Points of Interest:**

- Next meeting:  
Thursday, April 17, 2008  
@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St.**  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

**“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”**

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of March 31, 2008 through April 6, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 42 search warrants and 25 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 50 Felony arrests
- 128 Misdemeanor arrests
- 2 Juveniles

**Confiscated:**

- 56.90 grams of cocaine, 6 grams of heroin, and 4,222.70 grams of marijuana, with a total street value of \$50,450.80
- **\$ 183,239.00** in U.S. Currency
- 16 Handguns

#### Graduation Ceremony

A commencement ceremony for the Detroit Police Department’s 2008-A recruit class has been scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m., at the Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers. This commencement will mark the first recruit graduating class this year. This is quite a celebratory moment for members, co-workers, families and friends; and most importantly the community they serve.

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## Engaging the Community

**ATTENTION**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Western District

On April 3rd, officers of the Western District responded to the 19000 block of Gloucester on a "Breaking & Entering." *Due to the officers quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering Business."*



**10th Annual Detroit Police  
Interfaith Candlelight Vigil Service  
Tuesday - April 29, 2008  
7:00 P.M.  
Winter Garden  
100-400 Renaissance Center  
(Atrium)**

*This service is held annually in honor of fallen Police Officers who have heroically lost their lives in the line of duty. Please join us for this memorial event which means so much to the families of fallen officers, the law enforcement community, and the citizens we are dedicated to serve and protect.*

### Northeastern District

On April 5th, officers of the Northeastern District were on patrol in the area of Gratiot and Jos Campau, when they observed a home engulfed in flames, in the 2000 block of Hunt. Without regard for their own safety, officers entered the dwelling and assisted the occupant to safety. Due to the actions of the brave officers, tragedy was averted.



### Domestic Violence

On April 1st, officers of the Western District responded to the 6000 block of Northfield on "Family Trouble/Assault", which resulted in an arrest. *The subsequent investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence resulted in the subject being charged with "Possession with Intent to Deliver", "Felon in Possession", "Felony Firearm", "Domestic Violence", and "Habitual 2nd." A handgun and suspected narcotics were confiscated.*



### Northwestern District

On April 4th, Northwestern District officers responded to the 14000 block of Grandmont on a "Home Invasion Report." *Due to the collaborative efforts of the officers of the Northwestern and Western Districts, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property", "Motor Vehicle Advisory", "Unlawfully Driving Away of an Automobile", "Home Invasion." Property taken from the location was recovered.*

**Comm. Holley** acknowledged the presence of Jewel Ware, Chairlady of the Wayne County Commissioners.

**AC Godbee** introduced members of the department, and DC Fleming-Freeman. He thanked the men and women in blue on behalf of the Chief for the great work they do.

He stated according to the Mayor's Economic Stimulus Plan, there is money for the infrastructure of a new crime lab.

On April 16, 2008, the first recruiting class (Class 2008A) will have a graduating ceremony at 6:00 pm at the Northwest Activity Center. He invited the Board to attend.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** introduced her staff and gave an overview of the Central District and its units and endeavors. She stated there is a partnership with CAPPA (Community and Police Partnership Advocacy). They are looking to expand this program into the Northeastern District. She further stated the next time the Board meets in the Central District; hopefully, they will be in their new facility located at 7310 Woodward.

She introduced Mr. Larry Kozyra and Mr. Terry Hodges, liaisons for CAPPA.

**L. Kozyra** stated CAPPA was launched in 2004 as part of the Northeast Guidance Center's efforts to assist law enforcement in the community in dealing with the mentally ill and homeless population. The program provides law enforcement with the necessary tools in dealing with the homeless and the mentally ill, and to be able to use the resources within the community. He also mentioned how many mentally ill people they have assisted in putting them in some type of program other than jail.

**T. Hodge** stated because of MCOLES, one of the necessities is to give the officers more than four (4) hours of training when dealing with the mentally ill and homeless.

**Comm. Holley** asked how is CAPPA funded.

**L. Kozyra** stated through the Wayne County Mental Health Agency.

**Comm. Holley** stated he was just licensed for 22 beds for mentally ill patients at 801 Virginia Park and Third and asked was he aware of that.

**L. Kozyra** stated no, he isn't.

**Comm. Holley** stated it is in the Central District and they received their license Friday. He stated if all goes well, they may receive more. He stated they have 122 beds total. Maybe a relationship or partnership may be beneficial for both parties since they are located in the Central District.

**L. Kozyra** stated he will do a follow-up with the contract manager of the Wayne County Mental Health Agency.

He thanked DC Fleming-Freeman for their collaboration and recognizing their program.

**Comm. Holley** stated he worked real hard to get this hospital and would like for it to be listed. As a result, they created 67 jobs and are currently working with Gateway.

**L.Kozyra** stated they are in the process of doing a reprint of their cards and will make sure that will be included.

**Comm. Holley** stated that's great and commended him.

**L.Kozyra** stated in closing, there was a situation that happened on the Belle Isle Bridge when the officers spotted a woman who looked as if she was going to jump. They secured her. Upon evaluating her, he noticed that she wasn't suicidal, but was on some type of psychiatric medicine. She had no shoes on so he notified one of their resources to get her some clothes and shoes. She was taken to the bus stop and given a bus ticket to get back to her home near 8 mile and Van Dyke.

**Comm. Holley** stated you must have a tracking system in place to help secure more dollars.

**L.Kozyra** stated absolutely.

**Comm. Holley** stated since the closing of the mental health facilities, the jails have been used to house them. He stated this program has been a big help and hopefully they can make it better.

**L.Kozyra** thanked DC Fleming-Freeman and her staff again.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** introduced Mr. Holt, Police Chief of Wayne State Public Safety and collaborating partner.

**Comm. Holley** asked Chief Holt if he would speak on how things are going in the district.

**Chief Holt** stated he has a staff of 55 officers and they work hand and hand with the officers of the Central District.

**Comm. Holley** asked are they trained by the Detroit Police Department (DPD).

**Chief Holt** stated they attend academies all throughout Michigan.

**Comm. Holley** asked is there a reason why you aren't being trained by DPD.

**Chief Holt** stated part of the reason was the academies were being held at different times.

**AC Godbee** stated that Detroit is not a regional academy, and under MCOLES they cannot train the officers.

**Comm. Holley** asked is that the way it has to be or can that be changed.

**AC Godbee** stated that's a possibility; but under MCOLES' rules and regulations not right now, and there's a lot of competition for a regional academy.

**Comm. Holley** stated if there is a Tsunami situation and one is saying code red and the other is saying code blue, we are in a tough situation.

**AC Godbee** stated not really. Along with Chief Holt and the Homeland Security, they do cross training and they attend their senior management meetings.

**Comm. Holley** stated the community needs to know that there is a working relationship.

**Chief Holt** stated it's a very strong working relationship for the past 30 years.

**AC Godbee** stated they also share in other investigative relationships within the Central District.

**Comm. Holley** stated that's great.

**Chief Holt** stated they will be moving into a new facility at 650 Cass which is the old Burroughs Headquarters and would like to host a Commissioner meeting at that facility.

**Comm. Holley** asked is Gaming Operations under her command.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated yes, sir.

**Comm. Holley** stated you have the casino and gaming operations under your command.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated gaming operations are the casinos.



**Comm. Holley** asked will there be windows on the Woodward side at the new location for the Central District.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated absolutely.

**Comm. Holley** stated it is temporally boarded up.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked will the Central District occupy the entire building.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated they will occupy half of the first floor and the rest will be occupied by other DDP units.

**AC Godbee** stated that Risk Management is currently in the building along with Disciplinary Administration and Records. Identification will also be housed there.

**Comm. Holley** stated once you get it operational, maybe there can be a presentation given to this Board.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated they will be doing an open house once they establish a date.

**Comm. Griffin** asked is the CAPPA program unique to the Central District.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated it was, but now they are moving it into the Northeastern District.

**Comm. Griffin** asked is there a timetable for that.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated as soon as the officers get trained for intervention.

**Comm. Griffin** asked AC Godbee why this isn't a standard operation procedure in all of the districts.

**AC Godbee** stated they worked with Mr. Kozyra to bring this to the Central District because it had the greatest need for it. He traveled with him to Memphis, Tennessee for a mental health conference. There were two different types of models and they are looking to see which one fits Detroit. CAPPA has trained at each district in the city to help the other officers recognize signs for the mentally ill.

**Comm. Holley** asked Ms. Rita Smith, President of the Community Relations Council in the Central District, to say a few words.

**R. Smith** introduced her staff members and welcomed everyone to the Central District. She is happy that the District will be moving so they can hold their meetings at the new location.

**Comm. Holley** asked will you be given some space to hold your meetings at the new District location.

**R. Smith** stated they have been promised some space.

**AC Godbee** stated there is a community room.

**R. Smith** stated all of the other districts have space for their Community Relations Council meetings.

**Comm. Holley** asked DC Fleming-Freeman if she planned on holding a forum for businesses in her district to help secure their area.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated they will roll this out at the open house, and they do hold business and church meetings.

**AC Godbee** stated that the Chief always insists that there be space for the community in any building which the districts occupy.

**R. Smith** stated they have discussed how to bring in new businesses and how to increase their membership.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Ms. Leslie Malcolmson has been a resident of the city of Detroit for 50 years, and has resided within the Central District for more than 30 years. She and her husband Peter, who is a Professor of Mathematics at Wayne State University, have been married for 25 years; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Malcolmson has been an active and dedicated member of the Central District Community Relations Council for seven years and has held the position of Recording Secretary for the past three years. Ms. Malcolmson chaired the bylaws Committee for the Community Relations Councils and authored the bylaws by which the Councils are governed today; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Malcolmson has also been a devoted member of the Midtown Alliance Council for ten years and serves as the Communications Coordinator. In this capacity, she publicizes vital information throughout the community and the city, and her emails are known far and wide; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Malcolmson holds a M.B.A. in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Wayne State University. She worked for the National Bank of Detroit (NBD) for 28 years where she attained the position of Vice President. When NBD became Bank One (now Chase Bank), her department was transferred to another state, but rather than leave the city, Ms. Malcolmson went to work for the Hudson-Webber Foundation where she is the Finance Director and is responsible for the Foundation's financial operations and record keeping, including directing the organization's pension, investment and government administration portfolios; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Malcolmson readily volunteers in numerous capacities, such as the Detroit Good Fellows Doll Program, Detroit Festival of the Arts, National Night Out, Angel's Night, and Motor City Make Over. Her greatest passion, however, rests with the Accounting Aid Society (AAS), one of the nation's largest free tax assistance programs for low-income families. A volunteer for more than 22 years and a Board member for seven (7) years, Ms. Malcolmson is currently the Secretary of AAS and has orchestrated and provided tax assistance at the Duffield Branch Library for the past 15 years. She is an active member of the Businesses United with Officers and Youth (BUOY) and was instrumental in keeping several businesses grounded in the city of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Malcolmson proudly lives, gives, serves, works and transacts business in the city of Detroit. Her current crusades include collaborating with public officials and citizens to keep the Detroit Main Post Office in the city, and to get all the street lights working in the Midtown area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit and the many positive and invaluable contributions of Ms. Leslie Malcolmson. Her exemplary service and fortitude in improving the quality of life for citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Leslie Malcolmson.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley  
Vice-Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
April 10, 2008**

/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Commissioner

**AC Godbee** presented Ms. Malcolmson with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** presented her with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**L. Malcolmson** thanked everyone for recognizing her with these awards, and stated to the audience to please do all of their shopping in the city.

**Comm. Holley** announced the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Detroit Police Dispatch; the Historical Marker Dedication will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 2:00 pm. The tele-communicators week runs from April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 20, 2008.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. **GRANT:** REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE “INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS” GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ)

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime is seeking applications for funding under the “Intensive Case Management for Family Members of Homicide Victims” grant announcement. Public agencies that can demonstrate: (1) knowledge and understanding regarding the service needs of families after a homicide; (2) experience in program development and implementation of direct service programs for crime victims and their families; (3) and staff resources and capability to carry out all activities required by the funded project, may apply for up to **\$200,000.00, with no cash match.**

The purpose of this grant announcement is to provide a comprehensive array of services to family members of homicide victims. The funding will be used to enhance, evaluate, and institutionalize existing promising service interventions in partnership with other community agencies in the target area(s). Homicide currently has a program that meets the grant’s guidelines in the Victim of Crime Act Program (VOCA) and this grant funding would be used to enhance the program.

In the event that approval is granted to apply and the award is received, Lieutenant Dwayne Blackmon, of Homicide, will serve as the project director. **The deadline for this application is April 24, 2008.**

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

The adoption of the Grant was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2008, @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**M. McGhee** stated she is from Detroit Academy of Arts & Science High School. Recently there was a shooting at the school, and she then asked the police department for some assistance.

**Comm. Holley** stated to AC Godbee that he needs his undivided attention because he has 1,700 students and he isn't receiving any help from the department.

**M. McGhee** stated they have a Jefferson campus and a Medbury campus. The Medbury campus is the one where assistance is needed because of the violence in the area. There is also a drug house that is close by. They are asking for the police to assist them in the morning and when school lets out.

**Comm. Holley** stated the shooting took place behind a gas station in the middle of the day. He has done about everything that he can, except hire his own police force. He is asking for about 45 minutes of help from the department.

**The audio was inaudible at this point.**

**(Edward Moore, Evelyn Wilson, Mary Lacy and Ron Scott spoke).**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**